

House Resolution No. 3101

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their accomplishments in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Jill Patterson of Springfield, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Greene County where she specializes in the areas of domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, assaults, and sexual assaults; and

Whereas, on May 20, 2008, at the Hickory Hills Country Club, Jill Patterson will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she receives the Dr. John P. Ferguson Award for Child Advocacy from the Child Advocacy Center at its annual award dinner; and

Whereas, the Dr. John P. Ferguson Award for Child Advocacy is given each year to a person, family, organization, or business in southwest Missouri that demonstrates an outstanding commitment to children who have been abused; and

Whereas, Jill Patterson prepared for her diverse endeavors in life by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law; and

Whereas, a member of The Missouri Bar since November 1993, Jill Patterson has tried forty-seven felony jury trials and nine felony bench trials; and

Whereas, Jill Patterson began her legal career as an Assistant Public Defender who handled felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile caseload before shifting the focus of her time, energy, and expertise to the Greene County Prosecutor's Office in 1995:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Jill Patterson for the Dr. John P. Ferguson Award for Child Advocacy from the Child Advocacy Center and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional achievement for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jill Patterson of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3101, adopted May 15, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker